

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title of the application at line 1 of both page 1 and page 16 with the following amended title:

METHOD FOR FORMING COMPOSITE ARTICLES

Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 3-13 with the following amended paragraph:

In one embodiment of the method, the foam skeleton comprises carbon in the form of an open lattice of ligaments, wherein the interconnected pores defined by the lattice have diameters of about 0.5 to about 1.0 mm. The lattice has a micrographic porosity of about 100 pores per inch, a bulk density of about 0.04 g/cm³, and a surface area density of about 1.6 m²/g. In an alternate embodiment, the lattice has a micrographic porosity of about 60 pores per inch. The foam skeleton is formed by pyrolyzing a polymeric foam. The polymeric foam is formed from a thermosetting polymer foam preform of for example, a polyurethane, phenolic or polyimide. The polymer foam is in the form of an open lattice of ligaments forming a network of three-dimensionally interconnected cells. In comparison to carbon fibers, the polymer foam is relatively easy to shape into the desired form.